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For: *HYDROGELS FOR ORTHOPEDIC REPAIR*

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Sir:

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 21(a) as amended by Public Law 97-247 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.10, Arthur J. Coury, Steven D. Goodrich, Hildegard M. Kramer, Luis Z. Avila, John Traverse, and Peter K. Jarrett enclose for filing the attached patent application entitled "Hydrogels for Orthopedic Repair". This application claims benefit of U.S.S.N. 60/153,190, filed September 10, 1999. The application includes 1 page of Abstract, 40 pages of specification, 6 pages of claims, 1 sheet of informal drawings, and an unexecuted Declaration. An executed Declaration, Assignment to Focal, Inc. and A Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status will be submitted shortly. A check in the amount of \$498.00 to cover a portion of the filing fee is enclosed.

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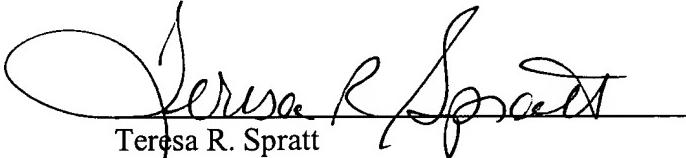
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658390**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. * Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. Specification [Total Pages 47]
 - Descriptive title of the Invention
 - Cross References to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to Microfiche Appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
3. Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 1]
4. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 4]
 - a. Unexecuted
 - b. Copy from a prior application (37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 16 completed)
 - i. DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

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5. Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)
6. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission
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 - a. Computer Readable Copy
 - b. Paper Copy (identical to computer copy)
 - c. Statement verifying identity of above copies

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

7. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
8. 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) Statement Power of
(when there is an assignee) Attorney
9. English Translation Document (if applicable)
10. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Copies of IDS
Citations
11. Preliminary Amendment
12. Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
(Should be specifically itemized)
13. * Small Entity Statement(s) Statement filed in prior application,
(PTO/SB/09-12) Status still proper and desired
14. Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)
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105	130	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127	50	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet.	
139	130	Non-English specification	
147	2,520	For filing a request for reexamination	
112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	Extension for reply within first month	
116	380	Extension for reply within second month	
117	870	Extension for reply within third month	
118	1,360	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	1,850	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	300	Notice of Appeal	
120	300	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	260	Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1,210	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1,210	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	430	Design issue fee	
144	580	Plant issue fee	
122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	50	Petitions related to provisional applications	
126	240	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146	690	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
149	690	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	

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